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Well folks another 2 months have gone by and SUFOG is again shafted regarding UFO sightings. You will read about the case of Mr. Anthony Woods and Bambi. Both sightings in Bedhampton, Portsmouth and both end of 2001, beginning 2002. Who did they contact, a researcher in Denmark and one in Mexico. Need I say more....!!

Looking on the brighter side of UFOlogy, SUFOG appeared in a three part UFO special featured on Southern Ways on BBC television. We were interviewed by Mike Powell who also interviewed Busty Taylor, David Kingston, Craig Roberts (Totton College) and of course SUFOG. There will be a full review of these programs along with another review hopefully of a radio program on the 23rd June. Mike Powell has his own afternoon program on Radio Solent. So, as long as I get the phone-call, SUFOG will be on the radio yet again.

The Daily Express of the 16th June features a two page review of the Disclosure Project that has been re-activated by Mark Hall. More on this article and the Disclosure Project in the next edition.

This edition sees Steve Rider's (Secretary of SUFOG) article 'Time for Change' and Steve raises some very valid points about

SUFOG and the way ahead. So, if anyone would like to reply to Steve's article, then please feel free to either write to or e.mail me and I will pass your comments onto Steve and publish them in the newsletter (If you dare !!) September is gradually creeping around the corner and if anyone wants to go to the Leeds conference this year, then we have a seat available in our car for anyone wishing to attend. BUT, you will have get your own tickets to the event and also arrange your own accommodation in Leeds. We can drop you off at your accommodation, but you will have to make your own travelling arrangements to and from the venue. The probable cost for the weekend would be around £300 including spending money... Let me know if you are interested as soon as possible.

Our annual Avebury weekend 3rd - 4th August Sky Watch is just around the corner... There is no mini bus this year due to two reasons... (1) The cost of hiring a minibus is now near the £300 for the weekend and (2) we have to put a £250 deposit down against any damage etc being inflicted on the vehicle, which SUFOG cannot afford if, like the 2000 trip, we hit a tree branch and break a windscreen which nearly

happened. So if you are planning to go, please let me know. If you need transport, again, please let me know and I can see if I can sort anything out, but I cannot promise anything at all this year. So, meet at the Barge PH in Alton Barnes for 12 Noon on the Saturday 3rd and from there I will tell everyone what the plans are for the weekend. I also understand that on the 4th of August the disclosure project is holding a meeting somewhere in the area where we will be and depending how knackered we are, then maybe it would be worth dropping in?

So folks, yet another fun packed edition of the newsletter to read through and hopefully enjoy. Remember, the newsletter is also for you to have your say. Steve Gerrard

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## **TIME FOR A CHANGE!**

### **By Steve Rider. SUFOG SEC.**

Before I start I would just like to point out that the views expressed within the content of this piece, are my views only. They do not necessarily represent the views of other members of the Southampton UFO Group.

Now more than ever I think we need to see a change in UFOlogy! WHY! I hear you ask?

The answer is simple.

Over the years I have been involved with SUFOG I have come to accept the lack of support for the group, unless you bring in a well-known author to speak. I am also concerned that recent coverage of UFO footage in the national media has prompted people to bypass their local groups in favour of a more famous researcher to publicise their story. I am not going to stop there!

Over the years I have, on many occasions, seen SUFOG founder Steve Gerrard pass on reports the group has received to researchers who are more able to deal with them. This has been because the report has been outside of our area. I have also witnessed, time and again, published accounts of sightings that have taken place within our area, in one case walking distance from my home, never passed to us for further investigation. This is why I think UFOlogy needs to change, but let me be more specific.

### **The Lack of support.**

As a group we try to arrange events that will inform members and the general public of what is going on in UFOlogy. From group meetings to Lectures, local skywatches to weekend excursions, we have worked hard to give everyone, not just members, the best we can. Through all this there is always a hard core of people who always attend, but it is not what it could be.

However, I am not 'having a go' at those who do not attend, as I am only too aware that it is not always possible to attend the things you want to.

It is not the group members that need to give more support, but perhaps those 'Outside' of the group. Only when you tempt fate and bring in a famous name, do you get the support you deserve, but should this be the case all the time. Just because someone is less famous does not mean they are any less interesting, in some cases they are more interesting by far.

As a group SUFOG has always managed to keep it's head above water when others have sunk. Why is this so? Again this is simple! Because of a small band who are always loyal to the group.

However, only having a small loyal following does have it's drawbacks. It means that the majority of the running of the group falls on the shoulders of the few. It is particularly on the shoulders of group founder Steve Gerrard. Steve manages to work a full day, answer many Emails and letters, publish the group newsletter, sort out group events, manage group funds and still have time for the odd lecture or three. Even I feel there is more I would like to do, and believe me I would if I could.

### **Support your local Group.**

Over the past year much has been made about the amount of money being shelled out for good UFO Footage. Particularly the Bonsall footage, and the £20,000 that was **not** paid for it. There was also a piece of footage screened at the SUFOG 1999 conference by Russel Callaghan that was obtained by Meridian broadcasting, and has never seen the light of day again??? Possibly due to the extortionate amounts of money being requested to show the footage, I think £500 was mentioned.

It is episodes like this that I feel are now prompting people to by-pass those of us in the smaller UFO groups. I wonder that people think when they capture something on video, if they go to a TV company they will be shafted and lose their footage or should they go to a small UFO group they will not be given the airtime and exposure they feel they should have. Perhaps it is fame that drives some?

How can I illustrate this point without getting myself into too much trouble, and having Steve Gerrard receive tons of hate mail???

### **Ok, Mentioning NO names!!**

Recently some interesting footage has come to light. It has been taken only a few miles from Southampton and well within our area. However, where did we learn of this footage?

Did the person shooting it come to us and ask for our help? Did someone else refer that person to us? The answer is NO. We learned of it through the media, newspapers and Internet.

How can groups like SUFOG survive when people will not even come to us for help? I am sure had this person come to us we would have done all we could to help even called in others to help if we were not able to progress the investigation further. What happened is that this person went straight to an overseas researcher of excellent repute and got the exposure required. Why do I say 'required'? Because I wonder if this person wants the exposure and the limelight, obviously something SUFOG was not able to give.

I would like to add one footnote to this point. It has been mentioned that during this persons experiences, he has had military helicopters hovering over his house. There is a possible mundane explanation for this? I work in Gosport, and in Gosport is an MOD establishment called Fleetlands. This establishment deals, as far as I am aware, with Helicopters and possibly servicing etc. Fleetlands constantly flies a wide range of helicopters including Chinooks and Lynx. All of those I have seen flown have NO markings and are often Black or dark green in colour. Could it be possible that those over flying his house are from Fleetlands and just being tested and not spying on him at all? A possibility perhaps?

I have one other concern. Which is that people are going to use this form of exposure to create elaborate hoaxes to fool us all. Perhaps they will wait until they have had people praising the footage and how good it is then in few years come out with the truth, making UFOlogy look gullible and worthless. Is this possibly what has happened in a shorter space of time to the crop circle phenomenon? I would ask you to make up your own minds!

All I can say is, if you do not give us the chance to help, how do you know just what the group is capable of?

### **Working Together?**

We in the UFO community MUST work together to bring information to the public. How can we do this if we do not work together?

As does happen SUFOG receives a sighting report that is outside our area. Steve Gerrard will pass that report on to a researcher who is closer to

that area and more able to progress a decent investigation. I am sure that you would think that any self-respecting UFO group would do the same. Sadly, this is not always true.

We are aware that there have been some very good reports published that have occurred in our area. Were these reports passed on to us for greater investigation? Again the answer is NO. I for one would really like to know why? Not that I am ever likely to get an answer.

How do we progress investigations that may shed some light on these reports if all they remain is a report? Just a piece of paper gathering dust somewhere!!! What about the witnesses are they just satisfied their sighting has reported and nothing more? I am not so sure!

Let me put this question to you. If someone in this country chooses to put his UFO footage in the hands of a foreign investigator, how can that foreign investigator do a proper investigation of the facts if he is not able to fully research the area in question, the conditions at the time of the sighting and the witnesses?

I take nothing away from those researchers who maybe involved in UK cases. I have the utmost respect for them. It may be that it is that respect for them that causes me to ponder the way I am. Just say that the investigator is only receiving footage and has not made a detailed investigation of the case? It could be that he has the smoking gun case in his hands? His contact could also be taking him for the ride of his life that may ultimately destroy his credibility?

However, if that investigator had a contact in this country who was able to gather on the spot information on the case, things could be made more credible or the deception revealed before the damage is done.

Only in working together is this possible. I for one would be willing to work with those I respect.

If all groups work together then the jigsaw will gradually become complete. If some continue to work apart, there will always be pieces of that jigsaw missing. Just as there will always pieces missing if people are selfish with their information.



## **Conclusion.**

It may sound to some like there are some sour grapes here if you read between the lines. Not So. All I am trying to show is that even the small UFO groups have a contribution to make, if they are given the chance. However, they must be given the chance by not only other groups and researchers, but by the witnesses.

I only hope that Steve Gerrard and myself can do justice for the small UK UFO groups when we speak at the 21<sup>st</sup> Leeds UFO Conference later this year. We salute Quest Publications Ltd for giving us the daunting task of doing that.

It is simple how we in the UFO community must progress. We need to work together for the benefit of all. We must pass on reports; Suggest investigators closer to the sighting area and help each other. Then at the end of it all share in the results of our Blood, Sweat and Tears.

Only with Cooperation and support can we expect to gain the respect this subject deserves, without that respect all we have is a miss-match of like-minded people working for a common goal.

Let us work together for a truth filled future, where the fire is fuelled by a coalition of UFOlogists all working together.

Remember, the 'little man' has as much to contribute as the 'big man'.

**UNITED WE STAND. DEVIDED WE FALL.  
TOGETHER, THE TRUTH IS OURS.**

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SUFOG SECRETARY.

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### **UFO's Over Bedhampton, England..** **And SUFOG knows Bugger-all about it !!**

If there is something that really cheeses me off is when there are UFO sightings in Hampshire, yet we are never told about them. This recently happened with UFO Magazine when a UFO was seen over Hamble, which is some 5 miles from where I live ! This is not the first time UFO Magazine has done this to us. What I want to know is who investigated the sighting !! Did UFO magazine... I don't think so ! There has been no further updated in the magazine regarding the sighting. All they had was a report from a witness that they published in the

magazine.. How reliable can sightings be taken if they are not followed up with an investigation.

The second case that comes to mind recently were featured on Jeffe Renson's web sight rensen.com and concerns footage taken from Bedhampton. The witness, Mr. Woods, did not want any publicity, yet he went to Santiago Yturria Garza in Mexico... The most annoying thing about this, is that Mr. Woods approached Santiago at the Leeds conference last September, even though we had a table at the conference !!! I live only 20 miles from the witness, yet he decides to send it to Mexico.. What's wrong with SUFOG... Have we got smelly armpits or something.. This makes me sick when someone on our doorstep cannot be bothered to approach us. We have e.mailed the researcher to ask if he has been over here to look at the area and investigate the case... Who's going to pay the air fare from Mexico... For God's sake, we live on the door step and we could of done the research/investigations and compiled a report. Then I have just read in

That a witness called 'Bambi' has video footage from the same area, around the same time of objects over Bedhampton... Coincidence or what !!! And again, SUFOG has not been approached regarding the footage !! As she approached Danish UFO researchers Christoffer Walter. No on can say they do not know we exist.

We have appeared in UFO magazine, we are listed on many web site Links, we have our own Web Site and we are listed in the Hampshire Libraries local group computerised index. So, what more can we do !! We are an open group and we exchange information freely with others where we can. If we receive UFO sightings/reports from other surrounding counties, we pass them onto the relevant groups to carry out investigations. We only ask that they advise us of any results or outcomes. I must ask myself why Mr. Woods decided to contact a Mexican researcher and not UFO Magazine, BUFORA, SUFOG or any other UFO research group in the United Kingdom... For someone that didn't want much publicity.. Still, I should be able to find his address easily, and I can write to him. If we get no

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reply we will have to pay him a visit and if that doesn't work, then we will have to do a bit of digging on the chap to find out what he is up to and more to the point what he is after... Money comes to mind !!! Also, I have just read a review on the UFO Magazine web site by Graham Birdsall of the Laughlin Conference held in March this year. The Mexican researcher Santiago Yturria Garza gave a lecture and guess what, he showed Mr. Woods footage !!! Allegedly showing 3 humanoid figures in his garden !!! In the item by Graham Birdsall he went on to say 'We will have to wait for a SCI-FI Channel 'special' to see the actual video sequence itself (supposedly to be broadcast in May). So, the question is, who holds the copyright? Mr. Anthony Woods... So, who's going to get paid for the footage to be screened on the SCI-FI Channel - Mr. Anthony Woods. For someone that doesn't want all the attention, then sorry, but it is time to stand up and be counted and not counting the money in the bank account...

Go to page 16 of the newsletter to read more about this and the Bambi case.

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## UFO Magazine.. June Edition..

A brief story appeared in the Sun and Daily Star newspapers on Thursday, 16 May. The Sun piece read:

'RAF LEARN TO SPOT 'ALIENS' - New RAF pilots are being taught how to spot and report UFOs. Cadets at the RAF College in Cranwell, Lincolnshire, are shown video footage of a 1990 sighting. Tornado pilots watched a cigar-shaped object for six minutes near the Dutch border.'

With help from others (at a Ufological, media and official level), a number of facts have been unearthed which are intriguing to say the least. The roots of this story date back several years, but one individual who entered the frame quite by chance was discovered to have a proven MoD (Whitehall) and Parliamentary connection to the subject that stretches back to 1976. It's amazing what a few lines in a newspaper can throw up. Enquiries into this story are on-going, but it would be fair to say that all is not quite what it seems. Because it broke on the very day our June issue was set to be dispatched for print, we could only afford it the briefest of mentions. The outcome of our enquiries will, however, appear in the July issue.

(Can you help SUF0G editor out at all with a copy of the above article ?)

**HONG KONG, China** (CNN) -- UFO research is the stuff of sci-fi buffs and conspiracy freaks, but in China it's treated seriously.

Joseph Wong, a lab manager at Hong Kong's City University, is a man of science. His job is to assess the structural performance of buildings.

But familiar as he is with hard data, Wong is also a fan of the unexplained.

"If something flies over, there's a very good reason for trying to understand why they're here,

why they come to us, what is their relationship between us and them," he says.

Wong is the Chairman of Hong Kong's thriving UFO club -- exploring "unidentified flying objects" or, to the uninitiated, "flying saucers."

The club meets once a month to explore otherworldly topics like "E.T. Civilization" and "Alien Kung Fu."

Members occasionally meet at a cyber cafe called UFO Station in Hong Kong's Tsim Sha Tsui district. The spot is home to Hong Kong's own version of the X-files.

The dark monitor-lit café has UFO books, newsletters, and old news clippings of close encounters -- material that UFO club members take very seriously.

A masters in UFOlogy? "In order to understand UFO phenomena, we need to have a broad understanding of different disciplines," says Albert So, university professor and Hong Kong UFO club member, "including mathematics, physics, history, philosophy, even some sort of paranormal activities and all that."

Hong Kong's UFO enthusiasts, like So, are not dreamy stargazers, but researchers who see their passion as a science.

So much so that they're lobbying for a university degree program in "UFOlogy."

"The graduates of this program will grasp at least all the major knowledge in order to understand UFO phenomena, and also other technologies and any skills related to UFOs," says So.

"After students or friends finish this degree, they may have their own understanding about this universe," Wong adds.



"Maybe they will be able to come up with a new universe model, new way of life, or whatever."

It sounds like a tough sell, but it may not be hard to pitch in mainland China, where there is little taboo about discs that glow in the night or theories on visitors from out there.

Flying boats in China China's state-run media reports on UFO sightings. Even the government's Ministry of Science and Technology treats the topic with respect.

"It seems that people in the East are more open to discuss issues related to UFOs," So says.

"Perhaps that is something to do with the culture of the races. In particular, Chinese. Chinese is a kind of race who easily believes in something supernatural."

And they may have been believing for a long time. UFO researchers point to an ancient drawing of the 100-year story of an emperor meeting a flying boat and a compelling artifact in support of UFO study, but not the only one.

"For me, it's not very important whether there is really a UFO that can fly or not," Wong says.

"It's when we are investigating this, I think it's the process that actually helps us to understand more about ourselves or our planet."

For club chairman Joseph Wong, the truth may be out there, but the payoff is personal ñ studying aliens helps to satiate a very healthy, and very human, curiosity.

<http://europe.cnn.com/2002/BUSINESS/04/12/hk.ufology.china/index.html>

**'Celestial' Crop Circle Formation Appears In Wiltshire, England**  
*[Original headline: Circles are cropping up again...]*

The first Wiltshire crop circle of the

2002 season has appeared in a field of rape on the slopes of Cannings Down, near Beckhampton.

Crop circle investigator Michael Glickman, from Horton, reported that the new formation, close to the spot where, in 2000 a large and impressive 11-fold design appeared in a field of wheat.

The new formation is 135ft at its widest point and consists of a large raised circle of the 5ft high rape, itself sitting within a flat circular area.

Crop circle investigator, Charles Mallett, describes it as celestial and appearing like three satellites and a planet.

He said: "All the laid areas are quite neat and tidy, at a glance, with most of the plants neatly swept to the floor and laying very flat.

"Large proportions of the downed crop are quite badly broken or kinked, leaving us with the impression that a number of people had visited it before us."

"Once a formation in such a delicate medium has had visitors, our ability to make any realistic judgments about the validity of the event becomes very difficult indeed.

"That said, this simple formation does look good from the A361 and is well worth the effort to see, at least from this vantage point."

The first formation of 2002 reported in England was a month ago at Long Road, Soberton, Hampshire.

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## Crop Circle formations 2002

### **Canada**

Unknown 28th Apr **Saskatchewan** The pattern is an unusual long series of odd pointed / angular shapes, some of which appear roughly symmetrical. The field is apparently still just stubble at most as per this time of year, so just what these shapes may be is unclear. Monique told CCCRN that they had not seen anything like it before so she took digital photos. Pike Lake stubble

### **Germany**

Unknown 26th Apr **Hessen**  
Likely a simple and small dumbbell - but this has to be confirmed. Haddamar, Fritzlar Oilseed rape

Unknown 1st May '**Kassel-Area**' Two concentric rings with four grapeshot in the standing ring and outside field Nordrhein-Westfalen Oilseed rape

Unknown 20th May **Zueschen** A double formation in one field of young barley. The first part is a spiral-like shape with a circle and small circle below - similar to a question mark. The second part is a 12-rayed sun within a ring. Exact designs have to be confirmed via aerial shots. Hessen Barley

Unknown 26th May **sinsheim** A spiral path resembling a maze of some sort baden-württemberg Wheat

### **Lithuania**

? Apr **Jurkupiai village** About 50 circles of varying diameters with the biggest being approx 6m. Rokiskis Grass

### **New Zealand**

Jan **Unknown** Complex designs designed to replicate last years 'Allington' formation An additional report is available for this formation

### **United Kingdom**

12th Apr **Long Road, nr Soberton** A single circle with a ring around it. Approx 60' dia.

Hampshire Oilseed rape SU 625175

6th May **Avebury-Devizes Road** Looks like an egg, or sphere (difficult to tell from the road)

eclipsing another sphere, with three small circles outside it. Pretty rough looking Wiltshire Oilseed rape

23rd May **Newton St Loe, nr Bath** A treble dumbbell formation with additional paths and grapeshot circles Somerset Wheat

30th May **A36 nr Wishford** Seen on A36 Wilton to Warminster Road on Right hand side just before Wishford. 2 circles one inside the other. Saw it twice as could be tractor lines, but couldn't see any lines coming from it. To be confirmed ! Dorset

2nd Jun **Avebury Trusloe** Initial reports indicate that it looks like a Celtic knot design with a 'looping' ring around it. Wiltshire

4th Jun **Beckhampton, Opposite Silbury Hill** Reports coming in of an elaborate formation based on crescents and arcs around a central point, together with four arms emanating from the center. More info as we get it. Wiltshire

4th Jun **Sompting, nr Worthing** Central double circle with two opposite crescents ending in small circles. Sussex Wheat TQ 171058

### **United States**

16th Apr **Indiana** The crop circles were located in a valley on grass. There was one big circle (about 15 ft in diameter), then one little circle above it (about 8 ft in diameter), and then a half of a circle about that. the circles were formed due to dead grass...with moss growing where the dead grass was (very strange we thought because moss tends to grow in wet or damp areas with shade?!) The circles were completely round and there were no intricate shapes entwined in them. Pennsylvania Grass



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**NEWSPAPER REVIEWS**  
**BY ERNIE SEARS.**

A trifle disorganised this issue so some dates may be missing but I'll do my best ! Certainly a busy period from the UFOlogical and allied situation and... as someone said : 'you aint seen nothing yet!'

**THE NEWS OF THE WORLD..** Sunday 13th May... I was given it very late, as a two page magazine article on the rich and famous who've had "close encounters". "Celebrity Space Invaders" runs the title and lists Muhammad Ali who 'sees them regularly playing tag among the stars early morning' (what is he on then?)

William Shatner of Star Trek says, 'a shimmering figure saved his life after his motor bike broke down in the Mojave desert and vanished in a shining orb shaped object. While David Duchovny (who else but?) saw a 'hovering triangular object while jogging along a beach in 1993'. Olivia Newton John describes her multi-coloured globe that changed direction like no plane she'd seen while in Australia. Will Smith of Independence Day film fame saw two UFO's over the Californian desert in 1992 which 'dashed across the horizon at unbelievable speeds'. President Jimmy Carter (before he became such) saw, with other witnesses, 'strange lights in the sky' in 1969 and swore he'd expose the proof when he became president. So what happened? 'Life, but NOT as we know it. Jim?' Mikhail Gorbachov knocked 'official secrecy and ridicule' and said the subject 'must be treated seriously' with 'top ranking

officers soberly concerned'... this in 1990. David Bowie... natch!... saw several UFO's when he grew up in Kent, 'so regularly you could time them... and flew fast and stood still'. John Lennon stood naked on his balcony in New York and used the 'large, circular object coming towards him the size of a Lear jet with flashing lights around the edge and a red one on a domed top' on his Walls and Bridges album cover. Charlie Sheen... ah. Charlie Sheen !... saw 'a craft accelerate from standstill to an indescribable speed in 1976'. Dave Davies of the kinks... I knew him in my R n B club running days... claims he was 'kidnapped by aliens during the band's USA tour in 1982 and believes they guide him through life' Join the club Dave !... Ghost buster Dan Aykroyd saw 'two object's tracking across his neighbourhood's sky about 100,000 feet up in amazing manoeuvres a few years ago'. Finally... phew !... Jimi Hendrix 'came into contact with some uninvited guests while performing in concert on the rim of a volcano (!) in Hawaii as a radio station reported UFO's over the place and a cameraman fell off his perch as one swam into his lens' Hmmm ! Article ends with BUFORA's website address for 'more information'. As I said... Hmmm?

**THE DAILY TELEGRAPH** in an April issue says scientists at Leicester University claim to have recreated a Martian atmosphere for a future British Mission to the Red Planet whena Beagle 2 arrives.. In May, it says ! The Lander will be carried in the European Space Agency's Mars Express. Don't hold your breath did you say?

**THE DAILY EXPRESS** of the 25th April carried a two pager on that new book headlined as "The Royal Family's X-Files" in another paper... see last SUFOG issue. This copy courtesy of the groups Bill Smith... somewhat delayed but never mind. Heavily illustrated with a picture of Mulder and Scully and photos of (allegedly) 'genuine alien activity' and of Nick Pope who LOOKS alien in this instance ! Sorry Nick ! Can't think the Rendlesham Forest photo is 'genuine' though! That Bonsall one is used again. Another photo indecipherable and the last one huge and unbelievable! So there! Some VERY GOOD stories of UFO close encounters are featured, however, and Lord Hill-Norton gets another mention. Still the MoD says 'no defence significance'! Their time is coming!

**THE DAILY MIRROR** in May... date lost... carried two items in their daily psychic page and "Aliens caught mapping" is a typical Mirror headline... they seem to be trying to change the English language to suit the ignorant morons who spoil younger generation... and refers to a Russian bunch of archaeologists who've discovered three dimensional maps that go back to 120 MILLION YEARS AGO ! Not, they say, the work of an ancient stone cutter, but MACHINED! Uri Geller... who wrote the item... suggests a pre dinosaur alien civilization that visited Earth! Now, we are

back to the book I reviewed in this issue! "The Time of our Visitation" Over to you!

**THE MIRROR** ran the second item also in May and it was on Charles Fort, who died in 1932. A unique man who collected thousands of odd items that didn't "conform". I read about him many years ago when he was quoted on what looked like UFO incidents of yesteryear, strange disappearances, sea monsters, voices from thin air, people who vanished into thin air, etc etc. A new book on Fort is currently about to go on sale... I wrote a review on it last SUFOG magazine... the author, Colin Bennett, is a remarkable writer who has the knack of resurrecting vintage material and giving us a fresh look on old controversies etc.

**THE DAILY TELEGRAPH** had two rather unique to it letters on the 14th and 16th of May. The first, from our old friend the much misquoted Capt. Dennis Plunkett, put the recent sceptical items on UFO's right with a well written and FACTUAL account of UFOlogy and the positive side of it, thus also heartening those of us who have had the actual EXPERIENCES which those labelled "sceptics" patently haven't. The letter was headed "Seeing the Light" and laid out the evidence for UFO's, the purpose of which, writes Dennis, 'will become more apparent within the next few years'. RIGHT ON!

The 16th of May letter was by a Commander R.N. Geoffrey Sherman who behaved like a Sherman tank of that name and ploughed his sceptical way through denials the NO PILOT... of the Naval type if not others... ever saw a UFO and if they did no one ever said they were never told to keep it secret! Firing a burst at Dennis Plunkett he also said that NO SIGHTING has ever taken place where it has proven genuine and no sighting has ever been photographed, radar detected, etc etc etc. My letter that I sent didn't get published... too controversial?... but I sent a copy to the Commander himself, that included quotes by Royal Naval top brass as well as pilots... some aired in the press recently... again see previous SUFOG... and others from that incredibly convincing author Nick Redfern who now lives in the USA where the subject is more acceptable! If not by Government!

**THE DAILY TELEGRAPH** of May 14th carried another interesting obituary, of one Sir

Bernard Burrows, 'Ambassador to Turkey during the 1960 coup who later developed an interest in the paranormal', runs the headline in a good half page. He had more than a passing interest in crop circles and was an active member of the Society for Psychical Research and made 'one or two minor investigations of haunting's and automatic writing'. In 2001 he published "A Myth for Our Time", which examined the origin of our Universe from a humanistic perspective. Another very intelligent and enquiring mind !

**THE MIRROR** ran another item by Psychic Team's Uri Geller... "Fifth Dimension? God Knows. On the... hmmm... unknown date in May. I shall have to stop cutting the top of the page off! Prof. Stephen Hawking has gone and done it again... disproved the existence of God. As he's done the same with aliens and UFO's I'm not surprised! Where, says Hawking, the Big Bang exploded. Geller offers one of his tests... this time it's dowsing... this, he says, taking a peek into that fifth dimension where all is invisible to us humans. Are you still with me? Of course you are!

**THE MAIL ON SUNDAY** May 19th came up with a new book by Hilary Evans... quite well known to us paranormalists I reckon... this one will interest our Steve Rider... SUFOG Ghost-hunter... "Seeing Ghosts : Experiences of the Paranormal" At £19.95... looks good, although the article bemoans the fact that dark spooky lanes etc are too well lit today to see some long dead local carrying his head in his hands! Depends on what you drink! Mail reviewer Harry Ritchie WILL have it that despite millions of ghostly visitations over 2,000 years, not one shred of proof, convincing photo, or tape recording, or the merest speck of forensic material! The reviewer begins to sound like one of those sceptics! Where has he NOT been? Who has he NOT questioned deeply? Ritchie... now there's a very un-ghostlike name!... sums the anecdotes, some 200 in the book... as 'tedious reading' and 'general sameness'... this from a man who was 'scared witless when staying in a notorious Gothic mansion 16 years ago'! You'd have thought he would have set out on a pilgrimage for an answer! I've written to him... doubt whether he'll reply!

**THE DAILY MAIL** of the 13th May featured an article headed "Monsters of The Deep"... eerie noises picked up in the depths of the world's oceans could be the sounds of undiscovered sea monsters, scientists believe. Dozens of booming



noises since the 1960's have been picked up from thousands of feet when US subs were casting for Soviet subs. 'Volcanoes, icebergs, could also be responsible... bucket full of them', says a Doctor Christopher Fox.. Bet he hasn't read "Alien Bases" by Timothy Good!

**THE DAILY MAIL**... last but not least... unless you know differently! ... 14th June... my birthday... late presents welcome... has a letter writer K.Wilford asking he's 'seen no reports of UFO's lately. Are all the aliens busy watching the World Cup? Huh ! More likely watching off planet how we are killing each other! Still... he's wrong... and stand by!

OK... enough for now... bet there'll be some late arrivals?



MAGAZINE REVIEWS  
BY ERNIE SEARS.

**UFO MAGAZINE** takes pride of place this issue... the May such Editorial concludes with the lines 'and defend UFOlogy to the hilt' which just about summed it up in the minds of those of us who've been there, done it, but not yet got the t-shirt! The Derbyshire village of Bonsall still holds the headlines even if there are some misgivings on the actual event that got it there. The Laughlin (USA) 11th International UFO Congress Convention and Festival and classily covers some 15

pages in the magazine, with top speakers... some we don't always recognise... well illustrated and in depth. Can't help thinking we Brits are a sort of poor cousin twice removed! Still... there's the Leeds biggie on the 20th, 21st and 22nd September. Ron Russell responds to a previous article in "Exploring the Secret Art" and explains how "hoaxers"... even those devoted to "artistic" intentions... work and in so doing loses my confidence in their "why". The Peruvian Air Force launches an Official UFO Study Group... can we be far behind? Yeah! Part Two of the Top Secret Governmental UFO History... nothing surprising about that! West Country UFO's in the fifties. UFO's in ancient art. Striking discoveries on Mars... what, Again! My old X 300 home made telescope revealed "snowcaps" on Mars even in the 1950's!... and so on! **UFO MAGAZINE** for June even more dramatic... "decline of FO sightings could not be further from the truth!" That lunar "shard" in film. The Crowborough close encounter. Another over Poole in August 2001. More "Eye witness reports". "UFOlogy strikes back" and how! More to come! Reaction from the public on "UFO's Dead" claims. **UFO Magazine** still available at £2.50 bi-monthly from good shops and by subs from Quest Publications International Ltd, Valley Farm Way, Wakefield Road, Stourton, Leeds, LS10 1SE.

**RAPPORT MAGAZINE**... of the London based Witness Support Group... March/April issue... worth having at a voluntary subscription for bi-monthly. No sceptics required... only actual witnesses. Interesting articles, latest news. Try Mike Rutter, Editor, 01296 489295.

**NEW BUFORA JOURNAL** ... returns to original title when Norman Oliver returns full circle from his editorial-ship in 1976 to 1981 with a revamped cover and layout but still usefully pocket sized. Philip Mantle and those Hessdalen lights in Science and the UFO. Excellent articles even if Norman dwelt on the past! Otherwise up to date material. Obtain from BUFORA Ltd, 70 High Street, Wingham, Kent. CT3 1BJ. Tel : 01227 72296.

**AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN**... of the Victorian UFO Research Society... nicely printed pocket sized June edition says UFO activity is keeping us documenting their many and exciting activities. Videos taken in Victoria and "they" seem to react to laser or flashlights. People, it says, see them often but ignore them! A contact in Victoria has been observing them since June last year! Paul Norman report says he has visited the area ten times in six weeks and has observed two large objects with up to six smaller operating to and from the bigger one. We await further info! From Kansas USA a pilot reports seeing a mystery plane that can fly sideways and reverse without turning around. Unlit and like a B29 with no tail plane or engine nacelles. But wings! In Britain a witness has video'd two UFO's over the former armaments depot at Broughton Moor, Cumbria, in March of this year. George Filer's pages of UFO reports always interesting in the Bulletin

... seven pages this issue. Those Chilbolton crop formations come in for study. Plenty of Victorian, Tasmanian, and Queensland sighting reports. Who says UFO's ARE "DEAD"? Inspiring news from down under, eh? Magazine enquiries to The Victorian UFO Research Society, Po Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic. 3189, Australia.

**SYNCHRONICITY** is the magazine for APRA... The Oxfordshire organisation and its number 7 for April. Interesting pocket sized with much on experiencers accounts, analysis of UFO colour changes, analysis of UFO photos, Flying Saucers from the archives, Looking for Orthon reviewed by Malcolm Robinson, and much more. Those "shadowmen" more in evidence. Watch out for more news. Try APRA at c/o Box 135, Didcot, OX11 9YA.

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**Book Review**  
**By Ernie Sears.**

**"The Time of our Visitation"** is a massive 649 page tome that SUFOG's Steve handed to me with a quizzical look on his face! He knows I like a good read... sure enough this book by John E. Chitty from the American Writers Club Press... info from [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com)... is all of that... largely... and repetitiously... based on Biblical readings, almost totally, taking us from way way before civilisation of any kind to "Creation" by a highly advanced being that has long been called "God"... or "Yahweh"... and his "angels" that were instrumental in "arranging" the birth of our planet and its system... including the "placing" of the moon in a suitable position to "create" tides etc. Yeah! It's that kind of book... but don't knock it! "Craft" of some advanced kind comes into it early and brings us to the present "UFO" enigma with in depth details that cause one to stop and think... HARD! Certainly, if your limitless imagination can stretch that far, maybe the TRUTH lies within. For me, the author has literally accepted the Biblical accounts as true and extrapolated the legend so as to fit his theories. "Alien" species, even the reptilian sort we hear about now, are all accounted for... not always as we recognise them... mainly stashed away in deep deep underground caverns where

life resembles our idea of hell and behaving just like we think cohorts of "old Nick" might do ! A list of the chapters gives you an idea : Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Kings and Chronicles, Ezekiel, Isaiah and Jeremiah, etc etc. Throw in fallen angels, molten underground rivers and a sulphurous atmosphere which, says the author, serves to account for the "cheesy" smell of those pesky "aliens" as reported by abductees... even Strieber described this. Now I have to say this is a "make your own mind up book"... and at £30.99 UK price tag needs thought before you buy it. What I am up against are my own experiences over some sixty years in common with thousands of others... some known personally to me... and others among the hundreds of accounts I've read... mainly since the late seventies... which explained childhood and later and current incidents. None of these have left me traumatised to date, neither do I bear any animosity or even fear in connection with a species which demonstrates their highly advanced technology which resembles magic... not forgetting their incredible surgical skills of which I possess a scar to this day which never bled even with having a 'V' shaped silver object removed at around 12 or 13 years old. Much more! Repeated encounters of the closest kind further convince me they happened. Plus a handful of witnesses... some of whom refuse to talk about it... they're the ones with regular nightmares! However... the book is worth investigating. If true, would explain EVERYTHING... particularly Government denials. I came across a smaller version in the sixties from a cleric in Canada which SEEMED to have the answer... subsequent experiences convinced me otherwise. But try it for yourself.

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**BOOK REVIEW**  
**ERNIE SEARS.**

Timothy Good's 2001 re-issue and update of a previous best seller reached a wider market with the paperback "Unearthly Disclosure" (Arrow Books Ltd) economically priced in the UK at £6.99... (Canada \$11.99) copies sold like the proverbial hot cakes at SUFOG's Open 10th Anniversary Day in November 2001 and my own review copy is still finding new markets in what

was a shrinking area... but not now! One cannot get away from Tim Good's incredible but proven contents of ALL his books on UFO's, and this latest one confirms that. The Daily Mail excerpts goes on record as saying that "Unearthly Disclosure" asks one is it 'beyond belief'... but Timothy Good is 'one of the worlds most respected authorities on UFO's' while one of Great Britain's most senior military men, Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Hill-Norton, GCB, confirms his 'high regard for Good's absolute integrity'. Astonishing colour photos of an alleged "alien" creature adorn the books pages. An attraction in itself. While accounts from experienced pilots such as Graham Sheppard of his UFO encounters and a "missing time" flight et add to the book's authenticity. Conversations with top level sources in the military and scientific community also confirm that alien bases exist beneath our planets waters and terra firma... confirms too that many abductees etc are telling the truth, outlandish as it may seem. A close friend of mine still has nightmares that have her in a 'huge place' with 'hundreds of people she doesn't know'. I can confirm that date and time! The largest radio telescope on earth at Puerto Rico comes in for some stunning accounts of alien discovery and similarly astounding photos add gripping details to confirmed sightings of craft and "aliens". Several coloured photographs of the alleged Italian "alien" can only be described as... well, "alien"! While that weird "Chupacabra" described... near Puerto Rico!... comes in for study. A Police agent claims to have shot one such at 'point blank range'... to no avail!

Timothy Good is, I believe, a very brave author indeed in what his many best sellers contain... a world travelled musician who reaches parts others cannot I often wonder why attempts have not been made on his person to shut him up!

In a personal conversation with Tim who topped the speakers list at SUFOG's 2001 10th Anniversary Open Day Conference he said "Unearthly Disclosure" would be his 'last book'. I would add the word "probably" plus "we'll see"! The man himself is dedicated to THE TRUTH... events may prove him to be still such!

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## **SUFOG and Southern Ways** **15th June 2002.**

Over the years, I have been contacted by many Television and Radio stations to appear on programs. I received one such call and was asked if I would appear on a Television program to be screened in mid June. I never turn down any publicity and so said yes, I would. So the wheels were set in motion and after a few more phone calls, arrangements made for the film crew to come round to my home on Friday the 14th June. It is always nice to think that after all that filming, the many hours of repeating shots and angles, a 30 minute program was on the cards. Not so... 3 minutes !!! Southern Ways put out three programs over the 17th - 19th June featuring David Kingston, Busty Taylor, Craig Roberts (Totton College UFO Course) and the Southampton UFO Group Sky Watch.

At 4.30 p.m. they arrived, well, a camera man and Mike Powell the program presenter and set up camp in the living room. They filmed me walking up the street as if I had just arrived home.. Funny thing is, why do people in their cars always toot their horns when they drive by ! The word PRATT comes to mind!! They did an interview with my 11 year old son in the dinning room who when asked why was dad interested in UFO's, he replied 'Well, it gives him something to do at night!!' ... Thanks for nothing son.. Then, they had myself, my wife and two boys sat in the front room looking at FO video footage and talked about the footage. Again, my 14 yr old son Chris, came out with the immortal words.. 'It must be American.. This is boring... Can't we watch Neighbours instead'... Thanks again son !! Then it was the turn of my wife making my sandwiches and flask of hot coffee for the evening sky watch.. Thanks Anne you were just great !! Then, it was my turn to be interviewed by Mike Powell who asked the usual questions... 'When did you set up the group'... 'Why did you set the group up?' and all the usual UFO type of questions. They then filmed me packing my equipment, unpacking, packing, unpacking about 5 times !!! Then they filmed me leaving home carrying all the equipment for the nights sky watch. The final two pieces of filming was the numerous owls in my house.. My wife is a Brown Owl and runs her own Brownie pack and Mike Powell had



already mentioned that people who are abducted, often mentioning owls.. That must mean that I get abducted regularly. The last piece of film was of my cat watching through the dinning room window as if to say 'What the bloody hell are they doing in there!!!'... Hmmm.

Time had arrived to go to our next location, but it was a good job we checked... Mike Powell was under the impression that we were going to the Devils Dyke in Surrey !!! NO.. The Devils Punch Bowl or otherwise known as Cheesefoot Head near Winchester... Oh ! As hopefully members of SUFOG had already started to congregate at Cheesefoot, boy was I glad that I hadn't got it wrong... (it is also listed as the Devils Dyke on the BBC's Web site !!). The light was slowly fading and the grey sky crept in.. We were suddenly running out of light !!!

We arrived at Cheesefoot Head a little after 8 p.m. and all we had to do was to find a good filming point. The first one was covering in thick black mud!! Then Mike said lets go into the field. Apart from the barbed wire fence and the big padlock gate, it gave the impression that the farmer did not want anyone in his fields... And that is true... The farmer owning the Punch Bowl has in the past threatened to shoot trespassers. So, it was down to the BBC if we got shot !!!

We all climbed the 5 bar gate, helping Ernie with a leg over... Mind you, it was his birthday, and at 77 yrs old, he climbed well.. We all negotiated the rabbit mounds and set up facing into the Punch Bowl. We were all interviewed, but a strange thing happened... All evening up until now, the sky had been dark grey and full of rain. But, as if by magic, a big whole appeared in the clouds above and the sun came out.. Miracle !!! I heard someone say !! Well, I would go as far as that but!! We all thoroughly enjoyed this part and the group members that were there, Me, Steve Rider (Secretary), Ernie Sears (Public Relations Officer), Bill and Jean Smith, Davina Reynolds and Andy Philips all joined in the spirit. I as even draughted in to hold the hairy microphone as the camera man had run out of hands. Then as if someone up stairs had said 'That's enough sun light', the clouds came over again and it turnt darker and it we could not film anymore

without the help of a light on the camera.

Whilst we stood there, Mike Powell spoke to our groups healer, Ernie, and asked if he could do some healing on his leg. So, there was Ernie Sears, standing on a wind swept hill side running his hands p and down Mike's leg!!! (I wonder what the car drivers passing by thought of this !!). The funny thing is, that on Sunday 16th , Mike Powell actually mentioned this and said and I quote "That it did ease for a while"... So, although we did not see any UFO's, Ernie's healing powers certainly worked... After Mike and the camera man left, we stayed a little while longer on the hill, but the weather was against us and we decided to call it a night... So, after gathering all our equipment up, we all climbed over the five bar gate... All accept for Ernie that is... Yes, he climbed it, but as if in slow motion, he 'fell' off the top of the gate, and slowly fell onto his back on the mud and grass. We all stood around curling up with laughter and poor old Ernie just lay there, laughing his head off. If only the video camera's had not stopped rolling !!! We all headed off home except for me and Steve Rider who headed for the pub as I need a stiff drink.

For a program that is going to last for the best part of 3 minutes, we filmed for over four and a half hours !!!! Hopefully in the next newsletter I will review the program and the two others screened along side.

Also to come out of this filming is a possible chance to go on Radio Solent on Sunday the 23rd June when Mike Powell is interviewing David Kingston about UFO's on his afternoon program. I will be keeping my fingers crossed for this and a full review will appear in the next newsletter. If you have a chance, log onto the Internet and go to : [www.bbc.co.uk/southampton](http://www.bbc.co.uk/southampton) and find out more about the programs screened.

One member of the group said that it was a bit of a waste of time for only 3 minutes. Nothing is a waste of time as far as I am concerned and if we only get 30 seconds on any Television or Radio program, then that to me is great for the group. The more advertising we can do, the better it is for the group and if you have any ideas about advertising and promoting the group in any way at all, the editor would like to hear from you. You cannot get enough publicity as far as I am concerned no matter how long..

I do not normally include material from the Internet, but as this case is in Bedhampton, and the witness has gone to a Danish Investigator. Why I ask ?

Steve Gerrard (Chairman)...

My name is Christoffer Walther and I'm a Danish UFO researcher.

I am currently in contact with a British woman, who has had several sightings of an unidentified phenomenon, which she and her friend has captured on video.

I have seen both day and night -time video recordings of this phenomena, and it appears to be the \*same\* type of object that was observed and recorded on video the summer of 2001, in Bonsall, Derbyshire England, and the same type of craft that was allegedly photographed near the NASA STS-75 shuttle.

The Derbyshire/Bonsall movie was reportedly sold and shipped to America, and as far as I know, never released to the public, except for a still photographic image of the object.

Now this object has been sighted again, during both day and night, by multiple people, in the sky over the same area, which is a suburb to London. This all happened at the beginning of January 2002. After the initial sighting during daytime, which was recorded on video, the phenomenon returned at night, and was again recorded successfully. The following early morning the object returned once again, and this time was seen again, by a team of garbage men that alerted the woman who once again sighted this object.

I would like to send you the video recordings that I have received; they are in QuickTime digital format, and in a pretty high quality. The size of is ranging from 500 kb to 3 mb per clip. They include both day and night -time sightings, and some of it is quite frankly astonishing.

I have so far no reason to believe they are fake.

Please check out the BBC news coverage on the \*original\* sighting done in the Autumn 2001 in England of the "Derbyshire/Bonsall" object. It can be found at:

Regards,

Christoffer Walther UFO Research DK

Related Links:

<http://www.rense.com/general9/strange.htm>

<http://www.rense.com/nasaufo/nasaufo.htm> - STS images

### **The Derbyshire/Bonsall UFO**

October 5th, 2001

#### *The Original Sighting...*

A DALES mum has spoken of her amazement after capturing a UFO on videotape.

The 44-year-old Bonsall woman, who does not wish to be identified, saw what appeared to be a flying saucer hovering over Middleton Wood. And she captured six-and-a-half minutes of amazing footage on her camcorder before it disappeared.

"I've watched the UFO Programs and if there is such a thing, this is as good a photograph as you're going to get," she said. "I was a complete and utter disbeliever but seeing this has made me think twice."

The UFO, which was seen two miles away at 9.10 p.m. on October 5, resembled a giant disk with a 'bite' taken out of the bottom. It had yellow, orange and blue lights, along with intricate markings and a dark circle in the center. And as it hovered over the woods, it seemed to expand and then get smaller again.

"It's not an aircraft because it's not moving at all," said the woman as she watched the video. "And aircraft make sound. This is silent. "It was huge and through the lens it looked as if it was going to hit me. I can't explain it it's like nothing else I've ever seen."

Towards the end of the tape, the object moves to the right and emits pulses of light from its left-hand side. It then flips over, showing two bright lights in the missing 'bite' of the disk before disappearing in a red flash.

The close encounter is the seventh over the Dales in recent weeks but the first with concrete proof.

Other strange lights have been seen over Matlock, Curbar, Carsington, Hognaston and Ashbourne. And on the same night as the Bonsall sighting, a man told in last week's Mercury how he too saw a bright light in the sky over nearby Birchover. This too was stationary, multi-colored and made no sound.

## Christoffer Walther's Commentary On Footage...

The following is the story of the events that lead to the footage.

The witness, a single mother British woman was giving a party a few weeks back. It's about midday when she notices a strange disc like object in far above in the sky. Meanwhile her friend is inside the house filming the party events, she calls him outside and he see the object as well.

He successfully tapes the white like disc flowing through a thin layer of skies, he zooms in and it appears to be a white disc, no surface details visible. To me it looks like it reflects the sun.

Later when it has turned dark, the object returns. From a distance it appears as a white glowing stationary object, at times it appears to be changing shape morphing into two connected objects and then back to a single one again.

He zooms in onto the object and it clearly resembles the original "Derbyshire" phenomena, the "bite" missing on the one end of the disc is clearly visible, and on close look the object displays a myriad of green, blue, red colors.

At one point the object begins to move, first slowly, and later it floats through a layer of skies and disappears. This is captured on video as well.

The next morning the woman is alerted by a team of garbage men that has arrived early to collect garbage. They have spotted the object in the sky, and once again the object is recorded on movie, during daylight. However, this object to me looks a bit different than the one spotted the day and night before. It seems triangular shaped, and not circle round.

Kind regards,

Christoffer Walther UFO Research Denmark

### Is This Merely A Video Camera/Shutter Effect from Zooming Out Of Focus? Not likely! 1-17-01

Many have suggested that once one has zoomed-in to the extreme with conventional digital camcorders or digital cameras, the artifacts of bloom, specifically the circular field with donut like hole in the center, along with in-

tensely colored light variance, are products of the shutter aperture in these cameras, and what we're actually seeing is a complete distortion. We've heard these same claims about saucer, disc and triangle shaped shutters causing such effects on intense zoom.

Though this cannot be completely dismissed, as examples in the past have shown serious and peculiar distortions in over zoom/focus related to shutter shape, the STS-75 image -- shot by NASA cameras without any extreme zoom or focus problems (as the image of the tether is in fine focus even for several miles!) -- begs the question: Isn't this far too great of a coincidence that the shutter-effect in the UK photos matches the exact same "notched" UFO (estimated to be some miles in diameter) with the same pulsing lights and waveform patterns of energy AND the hole-like artifact in the center?

It seems very unlikely, and it appears that the 2001 and 2001 UK images have captured the very same remarkable and monstrously sized craft. Not only does the STS-75 footage substantiate the UK images from a totally unique vantage (i.e., miles above the earth with expert equipment), but one can clearly see in the QuickTime footage #2 above that whatever the bright object is being videotaped at the start of the clip, when it is seen against the backdrop of the neighborhood -- a yard lamp, house and tree for some reference -- is extremely bright and extremely large. Anyone who has ever tried videotaping at night knows stars, even the brightest, scarcely even register on tape. This object was massive in size and intense in light. Christoffer Walther also informs us that the Sony 700 camera of these most recent clips had additional zoom capabilities, not just standard zoom.

If anyone has information on the shutter shape of the Sony 700 and can document it, please forward to [webmaster@rense.com](mailto:webmaster@rense.com). We'd like to report on this aspect, even though it does not appear to be involved in the UK images at all. We would almost bet our bottom dollar the shutter is tri-fold, not circular, which under distortion of zoom/focus would leave a triangle shape, not the amazingly detailed disc with its lights, phenomenal electric aura and surface artifacts which perfectly match the STS-75 craft shot just outside the earth's atmosphere by NASA shuttle



crew.

### Notch Analysis

The "notch" appears hard to see in many of the images, likely due to the brilliance of the UFO itself, but as the following color and contrast enhancements demonstrate, the notch is definitely present. Submitted by Timothy Hill:

'I took a frame from the video and tried to pull more details from the disk. The attached gif animation is the result of a few of my findings. I added a black border to frame the object for better viewing. As you can see in almost all of the pictures there is a notch missing from one side of the disk, much like the so-called "Dropa" stones. I am a little skeptical about the whole Dropa story because the background is VERY muddy. I cannot, however, dismiss the similarities between the STS video and this object.'

### UPDATE 1-17-02

#### Researcher Has Contact Bambi Performs Video Test On Stars To Disprove Zoom/Blur Effect As Responsible For UFO Image

We have now attempted to re-produce the "Derbyshire" phenomena, by using the same video recorder that was used to capture the footage 3 weeks ago; by zooming onto a bright star in the night sky and attempt to distort the star by using the zoom mechanism on the video recorder. These sessions have been made using the same video recorder as the original sighting. That is, the same physical device, same lens, same zoom. It has been shot under the same weather conditions that are dark cold clear evening/night.

#### TEST Footage I "Orion Belt". CLIP "Orionbelt.qt"

Bambi zoomed in onto the largest and brightest star in the Orion belt; as far as the zoom capability would go. Max ZOOM.

#### Result: Negative.

The camera is not able to get a close zoom-up of the star; and much less capable of distorting the picture by over-zooming or zooming while out of focus.

This has absolutely \*nothing\* to do with the "Derbyshire" -like sighting and footage of the phenomena.

The Orion star is absolutely far too far away.

With this result, we decided to give it another try. This time I asked her to go outside, find the brightest star in the entire night sky, film it and zoom in as far in as possible.

#### TEST Footage II "Clearest star in night sky that she could locate". CLIP "brightstar.qt"

#### Result: Negative.

This time the she zoomed in once again to the fullest capacity of the recorder. The result is slightly better than the Orion one. But far, far from resembling the UFO footage in any way.

The star in question (possibly Venus or the north star), is way too far away. Which is really not a surprise.

No colors, no patterns. Just a regular white view of a star.

Here follows an analysis of the footage clip "moonref.qt" (See clip #8 above)

Watching the "moonref.qt" clip, we have a quite large moon at the top of the view; no stars at all seem to register on the video recorder even though it is completely dark \*and\* completely clear skies. This could be due to two reasons.

- 1) We have a pretty bright moon which "pollutes" the dark sky with light
- 2) We have a video recorder that has rather \*small\* lenses to gather light

The recorder is able to zoom and enhance, but that is a completely different thing than being able to \*gather light\*. That has to do with the size of the lenses that receives and registers the light.

There are a few other lights than just the moon. These are all located on the ground, and not in the sky. There are various background lights from a nearby city.

And then there is A SINGLE other light in the sky.

Only one object in the sky registers on the video

recorder other than the moon. Does that mean there are no stars out? No. It means the video recorder does not collect the faint light from those other natural stars in the sky, because its lens does not possess the ability to do so, with the sky so "polluted" with the light that comes from the moon.

The one object other than the moon, appears to be located \*inside\* the earth's atmosphere and seemingly as far away as a regular bright star.

It is rather big; it gives off a great amount of light, even while "polluted" by the moonlight.

I am certain it is located inside the earth's atmosphere, and not that far from the witness. How far the object is exactly is hard to say. But it clearly is NOT as far away as the Orion star or the "Brightest star in the night sky."

It registers \*clearly\* even without zoom on the video recorder as the clips demonstrate. It is obviously NOT a normal planetary or star object. This object gives off more light than a normal star in the sky.

The original photographer (Bambi's friend at the party) proceeds to zoom in on the object. This time the video has no problems in reaching in close to the object for detail. Even from a large distance you can begin to make out the patterns (see single frame example above near lamp light)

While zooming in, the patterns do not change, like a distorted view would. On the contrary, the patterns become clearer and clearer.

### --- CONCLUSION ---

The woman, Bambi, who had the sighting, is not in doubt that the phenomenon was something out of the ordinary. She is 100% convinced that it was NO star, NO planet and NOT some other natural object in the sky that caused the phenomena. It changed shape. It moved around. It was seen during the day as well. Moving. The hard thing is to tell other people about this, it's hard to explain what happened to someone who was not present and did not see this with their own eyes.

That is what she has attempted now. She contacted me about 2 weeks after the sighting, unsure what to do with the footage. We decided upon doing a complete public disclosure of the sighting and the footage, regardless of whether or not it would benefit us, financially or otherwise.

Many people witnessed these events, from the guests present at the party. Bambi's friend who filmed most of the footage, to the garbage men who

on their own spotted the object in daytime.

Bambi herself does not claim that the footage depicts an alien entity of some sorts. She does not know what it is, but is inclined to think it is either some sort of new phenomena or object, or phenomena/object that previously has not been sighted. There is no real indication in her point of view that this in fact should be an alien entity. Rather, it is something we do not understand yet, but her hope is that we will accept it, regardless.

We invite everyone to look at the footage and give voice to his or her opinion.

Specifically, it is our hope that parts of the established scientific communities will begin to take the UFO dilemma serious, and conduct honest and serious investigation and research into the phenomena. We hope more analysis will be done to the footage we have presented. As it stands on its own, as well as in the context of the original "Derbyshire/Bonsall" and NASA STS-75 events.

We also urge that the original "Derbyshire/Bonsall" video recording will be released to the public as well, as it needs to be examined with reference to this new sighting of the same object.

We will pass over most of the remaining footage over the coming days to WWW.RENSE.COM.

Bambi (Primary Witness)

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Bambi is a 26 year old, single-mother British woman; she lives in a suburb to London with her boy-child.

Christoffer is 29 years old, single Danish man, Holds a bachelor degree in computer science, when he's not researching the UFO phenomena he works as a UNIX systems programmer and Network administrator. He is located in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Additionally, why would the "bracket" effect (left) clip off only the bottom half of the supposedly blurred UFO and not the moon? The two slightly different zoom levels of these clips may indeed impose some distortion, but that distortion should be uniform throughout the image.

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## TURKEY UFO LANDING

ANTALYA -- While scientists and UFO researchers arguing about the existence of "extraterrestrial life" 45 people at Antalya claimed they saw an alien. The Santral district inhabitants claimed that they witnessed a UFO's landing on the backyard of the Fatma Pýrýltý Primary School and saw an alien being getting out of the unusual craft. Eleven year old, Murat Esici, one of the witnesses who had a very close observation says, "He was emitting red rays from his eyes, his hands and feet were iron." "He had a very big head and he was 1.80 meters long," while crying at the principal Halil Aldemirs office. It is said that he lost his voice after his sighting. Students Zeynep Cýpýnar and Nalan Dönmez also claimed they saw an unusual craft and an alien beside it. "His eyes and hands were red and a red light was emitting from his eyes."

International UFO Museum and SIRIUS president Haktan Akdogan is flying to investigate the sighting. After the bulletins were broadcast on national television prime time news and in national news papers, Haktan Akdogan phoned Antalya Governor Ertugrul Dokuzoglu and decided to go to the area to investigate the incident more closely. Further information will be available in few days at [www.siriusufo.org](http://www.siriusufo.org) and [info@siriusufo.org](mailto:info@siriusufo.org)

## SUFOG DIARY - 2002..

**July 18th** : Group Meeting :  
Open Discussion.

**August 3rd/4th** Avebury trip :  
Meet at The Barge PH at Alton  
Barnes for 12 Noon and then I will  
let everyone know the itinerary for  
the weekend.

**August 15th** : Group Meeting :  
Video Evening (£3.00)

**September 19th** : Group Meeting :  
1 hr lecture (8 p.m. - 9 p.m.)  
Open Discussion

**October 17th** : Group Meeting :  
Open Discussion

**November 21st** : Group Meeting :  
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**December 19th** : Group Meeting :  
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